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1. WE DISCUSSED JUNE 1976 EUROPEAN YOUTH CONFERENCE, AND QUESTION OF POSSIBLE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE, WITH DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF SOVIET COMMITTEE OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (CYO) ANDREY FILIPPOV DECEMBER 19. ACCORDING TO FILIPPOV, CORRECT TITLE FOR FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IS "EUROPEAN YOUTH MEETING ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION." IT WAS ORGINALLY PLANNED AS FOLLOW-UP TO 1972 HELSINKI YOUTH CONFERENCE. IT WOULD BE LARGER AND MORE SIGNIFICANT THAT HELSINKI CONFERENCE BECAUSE IT WOULD ALSO DEAL WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPEAN YOUTH OF CSCE SUMMIT AND FINAL ACT.

2. A "SMALL PREPARATORY MEET" FOR WARSAW '76 WAS HELD IN HUNGARY LAST JUNE, FILIPPOV CONTINUED. THE OSLO MEETING SLATED FOR JANUARY WOULD BE THE FIRST OF SEVERAL "LARGE PREPARATORY MEETINGS" LEADING UP TO THE WARSAW GATHERING.

3. THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS TOOK DECISIONS ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS. THE OSLO MEETING WOULD BE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH THE GENERAL AGENDA FOR WARSAW. SUBSEQUENT PREPARATORY MEETINGS WOULD DEAL WITH PROCEDURES, WORKING ORGANS, PREPARATION OF SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS. FILIPPOV EXPECTED THE WARSAW CONFERENCE ITSELF WOULD CONSIDER A BROAD VARIETY OF QUESTIONS, INCLUDING DISARMAMENT, PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT, YOUTH COOPERATION, AND TOURISM.

4. REGARDING US PARTICIPATION, FILIPPOV SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW NO AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST. NO AMERICANS HAD ATTENDED JUNE 1975 PREPARATORY MEETING IN HUNGARY, AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NONE WOULD BE PRESENT IN OSLO NEXT MONTH.

5. HE NOTED THAT NATIONAL YOUTH GROUPS COULD PARTICIPATE ONLY AS PART OF DELEGATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION. HE STRESSED THAT QUESTIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN WARSAW MEETING WOULD BE DECIDED ON BASIS ON CONSENSUS OF PREPARATORY BODY.

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6. COMMENT - FILIPOV CLEARLY IMPLIED THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION THAT IT WAS LATE IN DAY FOR US DELEGATION TO BE BROUGHT INTO WARSAW PICTURE, AND THAT IN ANY CASE USSR HAD NO PARTICULAR DESIRE TO SEE US REPRESENTED AT WARSAW GATHERING.

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